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**Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal**Application Number
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

I. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

II. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☐ Enclosed:

I. ☐ Amendment/Reply

III. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

II. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

IV. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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II. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.135 and 1.17)

III. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$810 is enclosed.

- c. ☒ Payment by credit card \$810.00 towards the Request for Continued Examination ("RCE")

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